

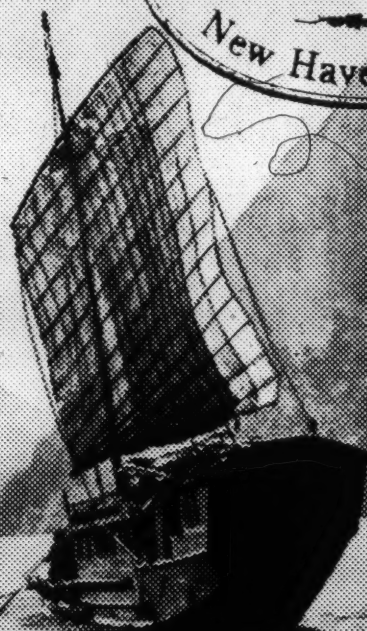
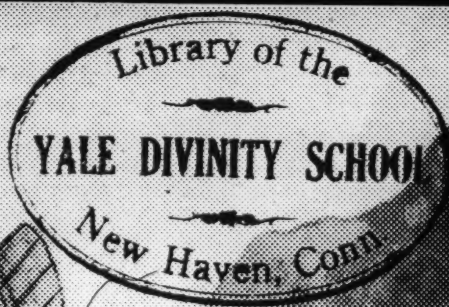
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PRAYER FOR WESTERN CHINA

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for Thy great love in redeeming us unto Thyself by the precious blood of Thy dear Son and for the gift of Thy sanctifying Spirit. May we show our love to Thee by loving the souls for whom Christ died, and by seeking to make known His glorious salvation throughout the world. We pray Thee to send down Thy heavenly blessing upon Thy servants the Bishop and pastors of Thy flock in Western China, and all who are associated with them in their work for Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit bless and prosper all their work and bring it to good success. We pray for those who have been baptized into Thy faith, fear and love that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee. We pray also for those who know Thee not that they may be drawn by the cords of Thy Fatherly love to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that they and we may work and pray together for the return of our King to establish His Everlasting Kingdom.

Finally, we pray that Thou wouldest comfort and strengthen all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other anxiety ; cheer and encourage all who are in special need of Thy help ; and bring both them and us to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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The *Newsletter* will be issued twice a year, and sent free of charge to all subscribers of 5/- and over to the funds of the Diocesan Association. Others can obtain it from the Org. Sec. on payment of 2/- per annum (to include postage).

The Diocesan Association exists to help the Bishops of the Diocese^s of Eastern and Western Szechwan, and to call forth prayer and gift^s for the work in that part of China. The Organizing Secretary will be glad to give further information on request.

DIQCESAN ASSOCIATION FOR WESTERN CHINA

THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

will be held (D.V.) on

Wednesday, September 26th, 1951

at (by kind permission) the

CHURCH MISSIONARY HOUSE

6, SALISBURY SQUARE, E.C. 4

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel, with special intercessions for the Church in Western China led by Bishop Bevan and Bishop Maxwell.

12.45 p.m. Lunch interval. (Tea and Coffee will be available at a small charge for those who bring their own sandwiches.)

2.30 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING.

Speakers :

BISHOP K. G. BEVAN

**and a Missionary
recently returned from Western Szechwan**

TEA will be provided after the Meeting for those who indicate their desire for it **not later than Wednesday, September 19th**, to the Organizing Secretary :

Miss F. Hughes-Hallett,
41, North Street,
Ashford, Kent.

Friends who cannot be present in person are asked to set aside some time during the day for special prayer for the Church in Western China.

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Diocesan Association for Western China

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PLEASE note that the Organizing Secretary and Editor of the *Newsletter* has now left Wallington, and her address for the future is :

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 41, North Street,
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 Kent.

LETTER FROM BISHOP BEVAN

THE HOLT,
 HOARWITHY,
 HEREFORD.
 18th July, 1951.

Dear Friends of West China,

It is good to be able to write and greet you from an address in England. Please join with us in giving thanks for safe journeys completed by many of us. For myself, I have accepted the country living of Woolhope, nine miles from the city, in the Diocese of Hereford, and hope to be instituted and inducted on August 4th.

Now as to the future of the Association : the other day someone who has been keenly interested in it remarked that she supposed that in view of the fact that all the missionaries had left or would be leaving, this would now come to an end. But my reply was that the D.A.W.C. was primarily

a linking up of those who were prepared to pray for West China and that the need for prayer was as urgent as ever and that for that reason we ought to seek to hold together.

This was the opinion of the Executive Committee in their important meeting held on May 2nd. It was urged that we should beware of any slackening in our prayers. To continue to pray intelligently without information is difficult and so it is planned to issue a brief *Newsletter* twice a year to keep you all in touch as far as may be. An old and honoured member of the Committee wrote warning against the Association's being left without funds in case of a change of circumstances which would permit of our sending financial help to the Dioceses ; so it was decided to continue receiving contributions to build up a reserve fund of £500, with which it would be possible to send immediate help at any time. At present there is only about half of that sum in hand.

As regards future meetings, there will be an important one at which we trust there will be a large attendance. A Day of Prayer is planned for **September 26th** and of this a full notice is given in another part of the letter. Do try to be present. (The Committee hope it will be a real Reunion of West China missionaries and their friends. Ed.)

How great the need of prayer is, you can guess. Think of the Diocese of Western Szechwan without a Bishop at the present time. Remember Bishop Ts'ai in the Eastern Diocese. We have very little recent news of him or of any other leaders as **they have been compelled to sever all connexion, even communication by letter, with Westerners abroad** and even with those still in China. There is no certainty—we may almost say little likelihood—that Bishop Ts'ai will be able to travel for some time, and it may not be easy for him to keep in touch by correspondence with his clergy. They and all other workers must now be self-supporting, and how much time they may have for their spiritual work is not easy to tell. Many who in the past owned property have not only lost it, but are saddled with all kinds of demands as past landlords. Because of their past fellowship with missionaries, all Christians are suspected by ignorant people of being tools of imperialist exploitation. It will be peculiarly difficult for people in country places and small towns, where during

land reform all gatherings have had to cease. Pray that these Christians may remain faithful and, after land reform is over, may re-organize as they will be permitted to do under the constitution of the new régime. We need to pray specially for the stability of young Christians everywhere and for the raising up in God's good time of new Church leaders and sound men to become voluntary clergy. Pray for all retired workers, specially Bishop Song and Bishop Ku.

Do not forget to intercede for the few remaining missionaries, themselves in difficulty and an embarrassment to their fellow-Christians, that they may be supported in spirit, maintained in health and given wisdom in all circumstances.

The future of the Church in China will depend upon the earnestness with which Christians give their testimony. Pray that they may continue to do this at all times and in all places. In all these ways you will continue by your prayers to serve the cause of Christ in China.

Under the above-mentioned plan for reorganizing the Diocesan Association, as the work should be so much reduced, our secretary, Miss Hughes-Hallett, will be resigning; but she has kindly consented, as the knowledge of the home side is so valuable, to continue in a voluntary capacity to edit the *Newsletter* and give other help. We thank God for her faithful service and take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to her.

I need constantly to remind myself that I may well sin against God if I fail to pray for our fellow-Christians in China. It is not easy to go on with these intercessions without fresh news. We are reminded, however, by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1. 9, that we have been "called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord". With this high privilege are attached duties as members of this fellowship and we might well tremble to think how easily we may fail to fulfil these. But the Apostle reminds us that God is faithful; He who has called us; He will hold us lest we fall and strengthen us lest we fail. Let us remember this and see that we thus co-operate with God in His purposes for His children and His Church in West China.

Yours in Christ's Service, K. G. BEVAN, *Bishop.*

D.A.W.C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Committee held on May 2nd last, the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Association for the year ended March 31st, 1951, were presented by the Hon. Treasurers. These showed *Receipts* (including a balance of £101.1.1 carried forward from the previous year) amounting to £573.2.10, and *Expenditure*, including £109.1.1, which was all it was possible to send to the Dioceses in West China and Home expenses, £197.1.3, amounting to £306.2.4, thus leaving a *Balance in hand* of £267.0.6, in addition to the investment of £200 in 3½% War Loan. These accounts will be laid before the Annual Meeting of the Association in due course.

After considerable discussion on the use to which the funds in hand and any further sums which might be received should be put, the Committee decided that **contributions should still be welcomed** in order to build up a minimum reserve fund of £500 to be kept in hand for the reopening of work in West China in both dioceses should this later prove possible, the use of any surplus beyond this amount being considered in relation to the needs of Societies working among Chinese in Malaya or elsewhere.

As it is no longer possible to obtain articles from West China for publication in *Four Streams*, the Committee further decided that a short *Newsletter* should be issued *twice a year* to give any information which may come through from West China from time to time, and to suggest subjects for prayer.

With very great regret, the Committee has accepted the resignation of Mr. J. H. Wenham as Hon. Treasurer, to date from the Annual Meeting on September 26th next.

MESSAGE FROM MR. WENHAM

Joint Hon. Treasurer

It is a great grief to me to have to relinquish the Treasurership of the Diocesan Association after being connected with the work for twenty-nine years; but ever-increasing pressure of public work makes it impossible to give the time necessary.

It is an added grief to me to have to give up the work just at the time when our brethren in West China are facing not only a time of great financial hardship and even increasing trials of their faith, but probably in many cases the gravest threats to their liberty and their lives.

It will be seen from the Accounts that at home, too, we have financial problems which cause us grave anxiety. Our subscriptions and donations, which have shown a downward tendency for several years, have again declined by almost £50 and our Day of Prayer and Gifts, which always provided a steady source of income, brought in only £26.

The political situation in China has made it impossible during recent months to send any remittances to China so that at the moment we have a somewhat larger balance than usual in hand, but this is being held in reserve to provide for the very great needs which will arise if, as we hope and pray, peace is restored in Korea and conditions throughout China become more normal.

Mr. D. R. Carter has most gallantly stepped into the breach as Hon. Treasurer at a time of great anxiety and difficulty, and, as I have known him since he was a very small boy, I can commend him most warmly to all our friends both in China and England, and I know that you will uphold his hands unceasingly both by your prayers and your gifts, so that these days of apparent difficulty in West China may speedily be seen as God's opportunity to show His faithfulness in supplying all our needs.

July 5th, 1951.

J. H. WENHAM.

NEWS OF MISSIONARIES

EASTERN SZECHWAN—

In addition to Bishop Bevan, the following have already (July 20th) **arrived home** : Miss Lister ; the Rev. and Mrs. T. Maxwell Orr ; Miss Polhill ; Miss Steel ; Miss Wallis ; Miss Warren.

Expected to arrive on August 7th (D.V.) : Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong ; Miss Barber ; Miss Barkworth ; Miss Fearn ; Miss Parsons.

Those known to have **reached Hongkong** are : Miss Ammonds (who will be staying there for a while and then

probably taking up some new work in the Far East) ; the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Davis ; Dr. Monica Hogben ; Dr. and Mrs. Howie ; Miss Meadows ; Miss Morrow.

Still in China : the Rev. and Mrs. Harper ; Dr. and Mrs. Iliff ; Dr. and Mrs. Maddox ; the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. C. Simmonds ; Miss Stevens ; the Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Temple ; the German ladies at Nanchung (Misses Blattmann, Schröder and Schlitzkus) ; the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Ellison and the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Picton in Chungking.

WESTERN SZECHWAN—

The following have **arrived home** : The Rt. Rev. H. A. Maxwell ; Miss Elder ; Miss Graham ; the Rev. Arnold Lee ; Deaconess E. L. Stewart ; Miss Willder ; also Miss Jones and the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Haynes in Australia.

In Hongkong : Miss G. E. Belcher ; Mr. W. H. Newell ; Dr. and Mrs. David Thompson (expecting to arrive home about September 1st).

Still in West China : Miss B. Hensman ; Dr. and Mrs. Holth.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of three former missionaries in Western China.

Mrs. Squibbs was one of the early workers in the C.M.S. West China Mission, having gone out with her husband, Dr. Squibbs, to look after the health of missionaries and start medical work among the Chinese at what afterwards became the Mienchu Hospital.

Miss F. H. Culverwell is described by one of her fellow-workers as "a wonderful woman . . . one of the last links with the early pioneers" in the C.I.M. work in Eastern Szechwan, with a long record of faithful service.

Mrs. H. H. Taylor first joined the C.M.S. West China Mission as Miss Amy Kempson, and later married the Rev. H. H. Taylor who was for a time seconded to the C.I.M. Theological Training College in Paoning, afterwards returning to work in Western Szechwan.

Although all three had been retired and living in England for some years past, they will long be remembered

by those, both missionaries and Chinese Christians, who have known and valued their "fellowship in the Gospel", and we may be sure that "their works do follow them". We are sure that all our friends here at home will wish to extend warm sympathy to members of their families who mourn their loss.

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Prayer Cycle

EASTERN SZECHWAN :

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1. LANGCHUNG (PAONING). TANISHAN.
2. TS' IEN-FUH-CH'ANG.
3. ILUNG, TSANGKI, KIENKOH.
4. KWANGYUAN, CHAOHWA.
5. PACHUNG (PACHOW), NANCHIANG, TUNGKIANG.
6. NANPU, FU-TSUN-I, YENTING.
7. YINGSHAN, CHOWKOW.
8. NANCHUNG (SHUNKING), HSICHUNG.
9. KWANGAN.
10. YOCH'IH.
11. KUAN-IN-KOH, LINSHUI.
12. CHUHSIEN, WU-CHIA-CH'ANG.
13. TACHU.
14. TAHSIEN, SUANHAN.
15. WANYUAN, CHENGKOW.
16. LIANGSHAN, TIENKIANG.
17. KAIHSIEN, WEN-T'ANG-TSING, LIN-KIANG-SHIH.
18. WANHSIEN.
19. FENGKIEH (KWEIFU), YUNYANG, YUIN-AN-CH'ANG

WESTERN SZECHWAN :

20. MOWCHOW.
21. P'ING-WU (LONGAN), KIANGYU (EASTERN DIOCESE).
22. CHONGPA.
23. MIENYANG (MIENCHOW), TSETONG.
24. ANHSIEN.
25. MIENCHU. SHIH FANG.
26. TEHYANG.
27. KWANGHAN (HANCHOW).
28. SINTU.
29. CHONGKIANG.
30. CHENG TU.
31. UNOCCUPIED PLACES.